

## IMPORT/EXPORT AND REPARTITIONING OF PARTITIONED OBJECTS

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An object, such as a relational database table, is partitioned into a plurality of  
5 subsets. Selected subsets, e.g. partitions, of the object are exported into a dump file,  
identifying each exported subset of data by writing a marker in the dump file. Selected  
subsets are imported from the dump file, by determining whether the marker in the dump  
file corresponds to the selected subsets, then conditionally importing the data associated  
with the marker. Objects are repartitioned by exporting the some of the subsets,  
10 reconfiguring the object, and importing the exported subsets back into the object.